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In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous report. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady beginning the week. Demand was mostly in a range of moderate to good, best where wintry weather conditions were a factor. Supplies were closely balanced to adequate, instances available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to available for a light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to retailers were slightly higher for all sizes with producer prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail egg movement was light to moderate with food service demand usually light. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light to mostly moderate. Floor stocks closely balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-70	61-67	LARGE	42-51 46
LARGE	59-69	60-63	MEDIUM	33-39 37
MEDIUM	50-60	52-55	SMALL	8-12

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good, best where wintry weather conditions created panic shopping. Some minor problems were reported due to the bad weather. Supplies ranged adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate offerings. Spent hens were fully sufficient for a fair to at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-82	68-71
LARGE	61-75	66-70
MEDIUM	56-64	56-59

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices on larger sizes increased 2 cents, mediums up 4 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate for the adequate to available offerings. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	70.5-79	72-75
LARGE	67.5-76	71-74
MEDIUM	57.5-66	59-62

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60.25-74	68-71
LARGE	57.25-72	66-69
MEDIUM	46.25-63	56-60

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous report. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand into all channels continued moderate to good. Supplies were usually sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	75-79
LARGE	73-77
MEDIUM	63-67

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were slightly higher. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-75	69-71
LARGE	66-74	67-70
MEDIUM	59-66	60-62

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged to 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged to 3 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 32% higher than last Monday with California up 21% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 59%. Retailer demand good to cover features in progress and planned, fair elsewhere. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, and 3 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 21% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good to cover major features in progress and planned, just fair elsewhere. Offerings light for immediate needs. Small benchmark price 74. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99-159, 10 for \$10, 18 pack 149, 5 dozen pack 599.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	125
EXTRA LARGE	113
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	94

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	249-269	JUMBO	279-339
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	EXTRA LARGE	219-319
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	239-279
MEDIUM	189-205	MEDIUM	159-259

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 04, 2005 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 28, 2005 were 238,993 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	204,752	34,241	238,993
% change from the prior week.....	+4	-6	+2

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available with demand light to mostly moderate. Floor stocks closely balanced to fully adequate. Schedules currently full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	29-32	30-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20	17-19
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5	11-13	11.79
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15	10.5-12	11.61

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JAN 31, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		(5-DIGIT CENTS IN THOUSANDS)					
		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.4	16.6	8.9	11.2	10.2	55.3
	Change	-1.5	-2.1	1.0	1.0	2.2	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.2	41.3	13.5	26.9	37.5	139.4
	Change	0.9	-1.9	4.0	1.0	6.7	8%
Large	Curr Wk	36.7	107.3	60.4	88.0	107.4	399.8
	Change	2.6	4.0	14.6	0.1	34.1	16%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.1	52.2	14.4	21.3	30.6	129.6
	Change	0.9	14.1	2.4	-0.6	6.0	21%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	6.8	1.7	5.4	3.5	21.4
	Change	-0.7	-2.4	-1.4	0.6	1.0	-12%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	39.3	8.1	14.9	5.4	73.7
	Change	-0.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.8	50.5	23.0	28.8	16.8	131.9
	Change	-2.6	-17.4	3.9	-2.5	0.8	-12%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	99.2	314.0	130.0	196.5	211.4	951.1
	Change	-1%	-2%	23%	-1%	32%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	951.1	8%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	234.9	-12%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,186.0	3%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS. **GRADE A**

XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 28, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							19.75				FUTURE LOADS							5.00				TOTAL LOADS							24.75			
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST				
GNR W XL	—	—	47.00	48.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	70.50	3.00														
GNR W 1	45.00	—	—	47.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	58.50	65.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	68.00	9.00														
GL W XL	—	—	59.00	62.40	56.68	—	6.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00														
GL W LG	—	58.50	54.00	—	56.63	—	5.00																									
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																									
GL W SM	26.00	28.25	—	—	—	—	2.00																									
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00																									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/24/05-01/28/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
80.25								66.25								146.50							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W XL	—	—	46.25	47.50	—	—	2.00	GNR W 1	48.00	51.58	—	—	—	—	24.00								
GNR W 1	43.67	47.85	44.00	45.33	45.59	49.00	55.00	GNR W 2	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	69.00	63.33	—	—	—	70.61	13.75								
GNR BR 1	—	64.00	—	63.83	—	—	4.00	GL W LG	58.56	67.36	—	72.38	—	68.63	51.50								
GL W J	—	—	69.25	70.50	—	67.00	4.00	GL W MD	51.50	59.33	—	—	—	61.03	21.00								
GL W XL	—	65.00	59.00	61.49	58.47	57.00	36.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	23.00	28.00	1.00								
GL W LG	—	61.83	55.33	57.00	57.53	57.25	54.00	NRBS - 36	21.50	23.50	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W MD	—	45.00	55.00	50.00	46.82	—	23.25																
GL W SM	26.00	28.25	—	—	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	2.00																
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	—	—	—	33.00	19.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	3.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/24/05	01/17/05	01/26/04
PACIFIC COAST	468	427	119
LOS ANGELES	457	417	39

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market steady on small size, higher on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate to good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86.63
LARGE	82.63
MEDIUM	73.63
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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